

# Prep L Weekly News

## Week 2, Term 4

Dear Parents,

Last week we learnt so much about butterflies. It was great to have Dr Dave (Alex Bennett's Dad – Prep J) to talk to us about butterflies. Dr Dave is an etymologist (a scientist who studies insects) and he had so much information. We were amazed by how much the children had already learned earlier in the week and they were able to share this as well.

We have some silkworms that have hatched over the weekend so we are really excited about watching them grow. If anyone has an established mulberry tree that could provide leaves to help us feed them, could you please let me know?

Later this term Prep students will be participating in the school swimming program. If you have not already done so, could you please return permission slips and payment ASAP so that we can finalise numbers. Before this program commences, please help your children to become independent in drying and dressing themselves.

Next week (18<sup>th</sup> October – 22<sup>nd</sup> October) is planning week. The Prep team will have their planning day on Tuesday. This means that all specialist classes for the week will occur on this day.

Today each child in the school will bring home a moneybox to collect money for the Pakistan Flood Appeal. Could you please help your child to put his or her moneybox together. The Junior School Council have asked children to do extra jobs around the house to earn money to help people affected by the floods. Please return moneyboxes to school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

### Reminders:

- Literacy groups and PMP will run as normal this week.
- Please ensure children are wearing runners on Wednesday.
- Chesterfield Farm excursion notice will go home today.
- Please return swimming permission forms ASAP. Payment is due as per the swimming notice.

Have a great week,  
**Kerryn Lynch**

### This week in English

#### **Reading:**

- Shared Reading of big books
- Phonics – short vowel sounds
- Listening Post

#### **Writing:**

- Weekend writing – using a variety of sentence starters.
- Handwriting- modelled writing about change from our class discussions
- Writing about silkworms

#### **Speaking & Listening:**

- Discussion about change – Think, Pair, Share
- Share time – celebrating our achievements.

### This week in Maths

#### **Number**

- Patterns – assessment task – colours, numbers, shapes
- Teen numbers – understanding them as ten and a few more.
- Pronouncing teen numbers correctly.
- Chance & Data – Lucky Numbers

#### **Inquiry**

- Looking at the concept of change – Where do we see change? What changes around us?
- Developing a class mind map about “Change is All Around Us”